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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PRECLEARANCE

REF: OTTAWA 10408, DEC. 14, 1977.

1. DURING RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH RAY YANG, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AIR POLICY, TRANSPORT CANADA, AND INGRID HALL, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, BOTH TOLD US IT IS THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS REACHED AT DECEMBER MEETING TO IMPROVE TORONTO PRECLEARANCE FACILITIES (REFTEL).

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT STATUS OF EXPECTED CANADIAN LONG-TERM DECISION ON DEVELOPMENT OF TORONTO AIRPORT, YANG POINTED OUT THAT POSSIBILITY OF FEDERAL ELECTIONS IN CANADA THIS SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER COULD DELAY SUCH DECISION. HOWEVER, SINCE NO DECISION ON ELECTIONS HAS YET BEEN ANNOUNCED, HE IS STILL LOOKING FORWARD TO DECISION ON TORONTO AIRPORT BEING MADE IN TIME TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING OF US AND CANADIAN DELEGATIONS BEFORE END OF MARCH.

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3. HALL ASKED IF IT IS STILL THE INTENTION OF THE US TO STAFF CALGARY PRECLEARANCE FACILITY IN MARCH. WE TOLD HER EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN US POSITION ON CALGARY FROM THAT AGREED IN DECEMBER.

4. COMMENT: IF, IN FACT, US AGENCIES INVOLVED IN PROVIDING

PRECLEARANCE SERVICES AGREE WITH CANADIAN VIEW THAT PROGRESS
IS BEING MADE TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AT TORONTO, CANADIANS SOON
WILL EXPECT SOME INDICATION THAT WE INTEND TO PROCEED WITH
STAFFING OF CALGARY FACILITY.

5. ACTION: DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON STATUS OF PLANS TO STAFF
PRECLEARANCE FACILITY AT CALGARY REQUESTED. ENDERS

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